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For: NONLINEAR AND ADJUSTABLE BUSHINGS

**Version of Amended (Changed) Claims 2-7 and 9 with Markings to Show  
Changes Made**

Inside brackets – deleted lettering; bold face – inserted lettering.

**Claim 2**

The bushing of Claim (1) **10** wherein at least one of said streamlined rubber elements is preloaded in compression.

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**Claim 3**

The bushing of Claim (1) **10** wherein at least one subset of said plurality of streamlined rubber elements is integrated into at least one specified package by means not affecting compression characteristics of said streamlined rubber elements.

**Claim 4**

The bushing of Claim 3 wherein said means constitute tacking of said elements to the outer sleeve.

**Claim 5**

The bushing of Claim 3 wherein said means constitute thin membranes attached to said elements.

Claim 6

The bushing of Claim 3 wherein said means constitute embedding said elements into soft foam matrix.

Claim 7

The bushing of Claim (2) 13 wherein said preloaded rubber elements are precompressed and frozen below their glass transition temperature before the insertion.

Claim 9

The bushing of Claim (8) 14, wherein said preload-application shoes comprise several segments, each segment being acted upon by at least one said compression load actuator.

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